

POLICY HOLDERS CHARGE GRAFT

Questions Asked of President of Western Life Insurance Company.

FEAR ASSETS ENDANGERED.

Bill for Receiver Filed Yesterday
Is Declared by President to
Contain Unwarranted
Allegations.

Chicago, Sept. 29.—At a full meeting of policy holders of the Western Life Insurance Company here today it was decided to put on record questions to the officers of the company.

The policy holders were moved to action by a bill for receiver filed yesterday by Attorney S. O. Davidson, who, claiming to represent a majority of the policy holders, alleged that the assets of the company were about to be transferred without consent of the policy holders to a company in another state.

Various charges of fraud and "graft" were made in the bill for a receiver. Alleged by failure to secure from officers of the company information as to the present condition, and as to the purpose of the men in control, the policy holders today formulated these questions and submitted them to the officers of the company.

QUESTIONS ASKED.

"Was a contract entered into between the Western Life Insurance Company and E. J. Rosenfeld, attorney at law, for the management of the company's affairs?"

"What are the terms of that contract?"

"Did Mr. Rosenfeld, in turn, enter into a contract with the company, last February, 1929, and now was that sum paid?"

"Is Mr. Rosenfeld receiving compensation on all insurance policies written, and on all renewals?"

"Was a meeting held by a policy holder, as to what the officers of the company should do, in the fall of 1929?"

"All would be known in good time. Mr. Rosenfeld declared there was no truth in the statements set forth in the bill for a receiver filed by Attorney Davidson. After a heated debate it was decided to submit the following questions to the officers of the company."

CAMPAIGN AND LOBBY DONATIONS OF NEW YORK LIFE

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Senator Armstrong was announcing an advertisement in the New York Life Insurance Company, the witness asked permission to make a statement. He said that his statement had been given to the committee, stating that he had given it within the last few years.

"I am not a multimillionaire, or a millionaire of any sort," he said, "and I want to tell you under oath that I have not received the most of my property from the company."

"He said he paid \$200,000 annually as premiums to the New York Life Insurance Company. He never had participated for so long in any campaign that sold securities to the public."

APPROVED CONTRIBUTION TO REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN.

Mr. McCall was asked if he knew anything about the \$100,000 paid to the committee in the last session of the legislature, the contribution admitted by Mr. Perkins in the last session of the legislature.

"I had full knowledge of it," said Mr. McCall.

"And you approved of it?"

"Yes, I do," he said. "I do not know what you wish to say in explanation. I am very sorry to say that I am not a politician. I am a lawyer. I am a lawyer."

"Very good, you can make a complete statement."

"In 1929, if it is interesting at all to you, I am interested in it. When they asked the free state platform in 1929, I was elected to the platform. I was elected to the platform. I was elected to the platform."

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FLOODED SALINE COUNTY BOTTOMS NEAR MARSHALL.



Salt Fork Creek, three and one-half miles east of Marshall, showing railroad tracks partly under water in recent flood.

Principal Points in McCall's Testimony.

On the witness stand Mr. McCall swore that Judge Parker himself never retained a dollar of campaign contribution from any source.

That Judge Andrew Hamilton, the Albany counsel, gets \$100,000 a year. That the mysterious \$100,000 account—and other vast sums—was for the purchase of land.

That he does not know whether the \$100,000 has been spent, although it was drawn out in April, 1928, that with regard to hundreds of thousands of dollars checked to Judge Hamilton no account is kept by the New York Life Insurance Company, and that the company's books are in existence, and that merely oral statements have been made to McCall about the disbursements.

That Judge Hamilton owed \$60,000 to the company without security when he went to Europe, and that "Hamilton is good for it and for any other amount he wants."

That the New York Life never paid a cent for corruption of legislatures in any State, and that he (McCall) is not even a millionaire.

That Hamilton and John N. Golding, a real estate agent, were using millions to buy property back of the New York Life's present building, and endeavored to show that the mysterious \$100,000 was for that purpose.

That he was glad he had contributed \$100,000 to defeat Bryan and free silver. "Well," added Mr. McCall, "I think I helped defeat him."

WHAT McCALL SAYS ABOUT PARKER.

In replying to a question about campaign contributions Mr. McCall said:

"My life was made weary by the Democratic candidates chasing me for money in that campaign. Some of the very men who to-day are being interviewed in the papers and denouncing me who contributed to my campaign were crossing my path every step I took looking for security. They were crossing my path every step I took looking for security."

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